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**Southwest Missouri Council of Governments
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 28, 2017
9:00 a.m.**

**Library Station, Frisco Room
2535 N. Kansas Expressway, Springfield, MO 65803**

Attendance :

Members:

Chris Coulter – Greene County
Allen Kunkel - MSU
Mark Walker – Allgeier, Martin & Assoc.
Dana Louderbaugh – City of Fair Grove
Chris Berndt – SMESO
Robert Williams- Webster County
Randy Owens – City of Marshfield
Chris Hopkins, City of Billings
Steve Bodenhamer, City of Strafford
Steve Childers, City of Ozark
Dennis Pyle, City of Monett
John Benson, City of Marshfield
Ed Westerman City of Clever
Hank Smythe, Stone County
Dennis Wood, Stone County
Todd Wiesehan, Christian County
Nancy Edson, City of Rogersville
Bill Monday, O'Bannon Bank
Holli Elliott, Dallas County
Rick Davis, Polk County
Tina Horn, City of Walnut Grove
Jerry Harman, City of Kimberling City
Stan Whitehurst, Webster County
John Forrester- Allgeier, Martin, & Assoc.
Cindy Stephens- OTC
Justin Coyan- SREP, Springfield Chamber
of Commerce
Carl Carlson, Olsson Associates
Angela Leist – City of Forsyth
Jason Umbarger – City of Buffalo
Gail Noggle – City of Bolivar

Partners and Guests:

David Stokely- Senator McCaskill's Office
Jeremy Pruett – Congressman Long's Office
Dennis Wiggins – Missouri Career Center
Beth Schaller - MoDOT
Alex Cobb – Senior Age MO
Tammy Jahnke - MSU
Louis Riggs – Guest speaker

Staff:

Jason Ray
Jane Hood
Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren
Simon Nogin
Theresa Moncrief
Ezekiel Hall, Intern
Bailey DeJonge, Intern

Open Meeting

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance - Steve Childers

Introductions and Announcements— Steve Childers

Approval of June 28, 2017 Meeting Agenda—Steve Childers

Cindy Stephens motioned and Nancy Edson seconded to approve the agenda for the May 24, 2017 meeting. Motion Carried.

Approval of May 24, 2017 Meeting Minutes— Steve Childers

Dana Louderbaugh motioned and Ed Westerman seconded to approve the minutes for the May 24, 2017 meeting. Motion Carried.

Guest Speaker – Louis Riggs – 2500 Miles of Arts & Culture - Hannibal, MO

Louis made a presentation on the 2500 Miles of Arts and Culture which is a program collecting information on the assets of arts and culture in Missouri which in turn can be used by communities to encourage tourism in your communities.

Legislative Reports

Senator McCaskill's Office – David Stokely

Senator McCaskill is interested in fixing what's wrong with Obamacare but is not supporting the current bill in its present form. Senator would love to see an Infrastructure bill and waiting on a tax reform bill. Senator did support the President's role back of the Waters of the US rule and voted to send it back to the EPA. This was a bi-partisan agreement with the rest of the local Congressional delegation. Mr. Stokely encouraged members who have issues or questions to discuss, to call and set up an appointment to meet with the Senator's staff. If any problems regarding federal issues, please let them know.

Congressman Long's Office –Jeremy Pruett

Slow on the House side right now. Changes to Obamacare are in the Senate right now. Most likely an Infrastructure bill won't be until the end of the year due to time frame.

Business Meeting

Point of Clarification – Jason Ray

At the May SMCOG Board meeting the nominating committee presented a list of TAC members for 2018. There was also a nomination from the floor which was approved by the Board. The Board then voted to wait until the June meeting to officially approve the new TAC members for 2018. (which is what the SMCOG By-Laws calls for) At that same meeting the Board approved a new TAC Policy which included changing the way we nominate members to the TAC and membership qualifications. This was a little confusing to SMCOG Staff so they had the MSU attorney look at the situation. The attorney's opinion was the last action would supersede any nominations before that last action and she recommended that the Board vote to show clarification on the matter.

Nancy Edson motioned clarify the action by the Board to update the TAC Policy which included the updated TAC membership requirements in which changed the TAC nominating process supersedes the previous TAC nominations made under the former TAC policy and therefore an updated nominations slate was developed under the guidance of the new TAC policy. Cindy Stephens seconded the motion. Motion carried.

An updated Nominating Committee Report was in the Board Packets.

FY2018 Election of Officers – Steve Childers

John Benson motioned to approve the FY2018 slate of officers and Dennis Pyle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Appointment of FY2018 Executive Committee – Steve Childers

Correction made to Executive Committee list to show Dana Louderbaugh as Vice Chair and Todd Wiesehan as Secretary/Treasurer.

Cindy Stephens motioned to approve the FY2018 Executive Committee as corrected and Ed Westerman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Appointment of Non-Governmental Board Members for FY2018 – Steve Childers

Steve Bodenhamer motioned to approve the FY2018 Non-Governmental Board Members and Chris Coulter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Appointment of Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) - Steve Childers

John Benson motioned to approve the FY2018 Transportation Advisory Committee and Cindy Stephens seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SMCOG/MSU Operating Agreement – Jason Ray

Final version was presented to the Board at the May meeting. Two changes have been made since then. Article 1.3, IT and Tele-Communications services will continue to be provided by MSU. Article 6.2 which says that if the agreement was terminated, any fund balances of SMCOG would go back to SMCOG upon terminating agreement. Chairman Childers thanked staff for working on this issue.

Dana Louderbaugh motioned to approve the SMCOG and MSU Operating Agreement and Chris Coulter seconded. Motion carried.

Program/Project Reports

Transportation Planning/Programs – Jason Ray for Megan Clark

On 7/12/17, TAC will prioritize road and bridge projects for the region. Looking for top 3 from each county. Staff just finished a sidewalk inventory and pedestrian county for City of Bolivar.

Homeland Security - Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren

The FY2015 is almost completed. For 2017 there will be an additional \$1500. This year we will receive an additional \$25,000 for work program administration.

Grant Writing and Administration - Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren & Jason Ray

Marshfield Senior Center grant administration will be closed out completed shortly.

Fair Grove Senior Center environmental review is in and waiting for CDBG to approve
Buffalo – Engles Senior Center – waiting for approval from state agencies.

Jason Ray reported that EDA has asked us to be involved in Cox College application for funds. Cox College which has a nursing program is trying to raise \$6 million to renovate their facility in order to increase number of nurses. EDA could possibly provide half of that.

We are also submitting an application to the Missouri Foundation for Health to work on a healthcare access survey for the region.

We are applying for funds through USDA Rural Development to do a Community Facilities Inventory for the entire 10 region. Could provide a pipeline for future projects.

Still have the Transit Survey. Waiting on contract with MoDOT.
Have submitted an NOI for Hazard Mitigation and Flood Mitigation Funds through SEMA & FEMA in Taney County and other small villages.
Finishing up a housing inventory and housing maintenance codes for the City of Marshfield.
James River Watershed Management Plan will be helping to administer.

Hazard Mitigation Plans:

Lawrence County is on fourth meeting.
Stone & Taney County kick-off meetings will be in July.
Working on contracts for Polk & Dallas Counties.

Other Business – Jason Ray

On behalf of SMCOG, Jason recognized out-going Chairman Steve Childers with a plaque thanking him for his two years of service as Chairman.

Partner Updates

Beth Schaller - MoDOT reported that the Commission will be meeting next week and should be approving the STIP. A new MTask Force formed by the Legislature this past session is being kicked off today. The Governor and MoDOT Director are a part of that task force. Will be touring the State to determine needs. Work on Highway 65 will begin 7/10/17.

Dennis Wiggins – Missouri Career Center will have their Summer Jobs Program 7/1/17 thru 10/31/17. It is for 16-24 year olds. The wages of \$8.50/hr are paid through the Program.

Member Announcements

Adjourn

Dana Louderbaugh motioned and Nancy Edson seconded. Motion Carried.

Todd Wiesehan, Secretary/Treasurer

Date Approved